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M. B. A.'s Inaugural Stunt Night Great Success

Bottom O' the Afternoon

By BLUE LARUE
Note to the editor of the Bell: If you're still looking for unusual photos, Tom Goodloe has several class numbers . . . News item: Mr. Cornelius comes out in favor of public school system . . .

Spring is here; Baseball's back; Morrissey too, and he's still a sack.

It was revealed by school authorities that Harold, alias "Lighting" Lowe, is the head of a large narcotics gang operating in and about M. B. A. Quotation of the week: Homer (Pinkie) Gibbs says, "I think it looks nice." . . . Sensation: Dopey Howard woot and Blue LaRue wins . . . Coach Allen lauds Warren Sloan as fullback of the year. Quotes Sloan: "I've been closely associated with piskins for years" . . . Congratulations to Mr. Ferrill on his new baby boy . . . Jean Lane inspires tennis players; some stuff, eh! Thorpe contributes to the Community Chest . . . Todd decides on surgery for life work . . . Upper-classmen evicted as freshmen make movie at Otter Creek.

The Dissection of a Freshman's Head

Having toiled at Montgomery Bell Academy for four longsome years, and having wondered all the time what composes the brain of a freshman, I have decided to dissect said wondrous machine and to set forth in the following selection the contents thereof. To secure a specimen was my first objective. All freshmen are rather wily creatures, but on a certain dark and stormy night a typical freshman was found and taken to the spacious and well-equipped laboratory of Dr. Henry August Hackman. The subject was securely strapped to the dissection table, and my necessary and delicate instruments, one wood chisel, one stone chisel, one two-man saw, one auger, one stone mallet, and one pressure drill, were carefully laid out by Dr. Hackman. The subject was now fully prepared for the dissection, and the proceedings began.

Ordinarily the first problem to overcome in the exploration of a head is the removal of the hair, but as Professor Sager had just snatched my subject bald, this obstacle was eliminated. Now I tried to bare the freshman's brain with my wood chisel, but succeeded only in dulling said instrument. After trying the stone chisel with a little success, I finally succeeded in removing the first layer of the freshman's skull only to reveal an extra layer of bone. This second layer of bone serves to make a freshman extremely hard-headed, but is peculiar only to freshmen for by the time freshmen have become seniors the bone has entirely disappeared. Having removed this most peculiar covering phenom-

Opinion Poll Indicates That Boys Favor Universal Military Training

ODE TO ENGLISH CLASS

Teachers rejoice: Term paper's in Students at home drinking of gin.

Note to my readers: Information requested for this column: place contributions in question box just inside library door . . . Howard, Paschall, Jarman, Napier, and Blackie reform. Lucarini threatens resignation for inactivity . . . Local breweries rejoice as plans laid for junior-senior picnic . . . Big Jim Rule gets hillybilly band, plans to run for governor . . . In answer to the question, "Is Don Wade as dumb as he looks?" I believe he is; however, numerous authorities think this is impossible as no one could be that dumb . . . Contest: Finish this poem in 25 words or less:

Summer's here; book report's due
Students writing the whole night
through

Winner will receive gold plated membership card to the F. O. Y.

CORRECTION

The writer of the article on the mid-term grades would like to make three corrections. Louis Patton, not Jim as stated in the article, averaged 94.2. Left off entirely were Larry Thomas with an average of 90 and Kirkpatrick, 93.4. Several boys with above ninety averages were omitted because at the time the article was written they were incomplete.

non, we were ready to begin upon the brain.

The brain cavity was filled with a certain fluid known as *dramble aqua*. This substance was carefully tested by Dr. Hackman, who discovered that the fluid tends to make the freshman muddle-headed and not able to think very clearly. After draining off this strange liquid, and incidentally securing several quarts which made us better understand the size of the freshman's head, we were left staring into a large empty cavity. Securing a flashlight and my magnifying glass, I explored this large cavity and found, what is believed by Dr. Hackman and me, to definitely be the freshman's brain. We both received quite a shock at the smallness of the brain, but even more curiously did we notice that the brain seemed to have no connection with the rest of the body whatsoever. Having thus concluded the dissection of the larger part of the head, we turned our attention to the other less important parts.

The jaw and tongue muscles of the head were very large, and seemed to have had a great deal of exercise. We noticed that the right inner ear and the left inner ear were both labelled with minute inscriptions. The right inner ear was labeled—"Will Listen To: Parents, Teachers, and Upper Classmen." The left inner ear was labeled—"Will Listen To: No One." Upon closer examination Dr. Hackman and I discovered that the right inner ear was totally deaf, but that the left inner ear was overly acute. The eye muscles (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5.)

Each year several opinion polls are distributed throughout the country by the Institute of Student Opinion, a division of Scholastic Magazines. One of these forms was recently given to a majority of the students at M. B. A. The national results of this poll will be published in Scholastic Magazine.

Two main divisions made up the form; the first, containing questions on compulsory military training; the second, on comic books. The answers stacked up like this. In favor of military training were 53 boys; 30 did not want training; and 14 expressed no opinion. The majority thought training should be given after graduation from high school, with 63 students supporting this view; only 32 boys preferred training during the high school years.

The second part of the poll designed to index reading trends of teen-agers showed that possibly M. B. A. boys read good books, or perhaps they didn't read. The questions asked concerned only comic books, not the comic strips in newspapers. Comic books are completely shunned by 26 boys and 60 read them only occasionally, while 11 are habitual patrons of the dime volume. Proof of this was the fact that no comic books had been read in the past week by 52 students; 25 had read as many as 2; 13, as many as 5; and only 3, more than 6. That most of the student body was getting away from this type of reading matter was born out in the fact that 58 boys were reading fewer of them than the previous year, 31 felt that they were reading about the same number, while 4 admitted that the number they read has increased.

It is interesting to note that comic books appeal to boys in the eighth and eighth grades most, and that they are of almost no interest to student above the 10th grade.

Lower Classes Receive Library Instruction

During the last month the library has been carrying on extensive courses in library science in accordance with the requirements of the Mid-South Association. Freshman, Sophomores, and Juniors have used at least two study periods in order that they learn enough to enable them to find books by means of the card catalogue and the Dewey Decimal System. This year a test is given to be sure that the boys have learned enough.

Also Mrs. Campbell announces that many new books have come in and many more are on the way. Those which have already arrived are: *How to Hold an Audience*, Baird; *Makeup*, The Gladiators; *The Last of the Mohicans*, The Deerslayer; *Green Dolphin Street*, Pchel Halback; *Their Search for God*, Probing Our Prejudices; *Faerie in the Sky*, Wildwood Wisdom; *Fun With Chemistry*, Etiquette, 1948 World Almanac and Book of Facts, White Fana; *Son of the Dead Stallion*, How to Play Golf, Bambi, In Henry's Backyard, Nothing So Strange, On Being a Real Person, Play Ball, Stage is Set. Every one of these books appears to offer much to the interested person; they are on the shelves now.

Juniors Capture Honors, Holiday; Templeton Annexes 'Academy Award'

Roving Reporter

"Criticism," says George Saintsbury, "is the endeavor to find, not only the best, but all the good, that has been known and thought." And in an endeavor to find out what is wrong at M. B. A., I asked several boys what they thought to be the Academy's greatest fault. Here are their answers:

John Ambrose: "The demerit system, because it is not uniform—for all offences there should be a set number of demerits."

Walter Noel: "Considering the amount of time spent in school, I believe that the teachers could make it possible that most of the home work be prepared in school. This would leave more time to spend at home in reading, music, or other hobbies. This could be done by spending more class time in learning and studying rather than receiving assignments and taking tests."

Billy Edwards: "Senior privileges—Since most seniors have a study hall immediately before or immediately after the regular lunch period, it could be arranged for them not to miss classes and still eat away from school. Many private schools have this arrangement, without harmful effect."

Fuzz Davis: "In my opinion the athletic system is decidedly a drawback. The varsity sports are handled very well, but logically all the boys cannot participate in these various activities. During the afternoons or at gym periods instruction in different sports should be given, thereby offering to each boy some form of supervised athletics."

George Carpenter: "I think that the school needs courses in typing and Biology. Every businessman needs to be able to write down his work without having a secretary. Typing, moreover, is speedier and far easier to read than handwriting. Though a boy goes to summer school it is impossible for him to learn speed typing in such a short time. Biology is accepted in all colleges as a science credit, and gives the boys some leeway for preference."

March 12 was the date set for the M. B. A. stunt night. No admission was charged, and as a result a large crowd was on hand. All five divisions of the school put on plays in this order: Grade school, Seniors, Juniors, Freshmen, and Sophomores. The grade school skit employed every member of that division and was narrated by Bobby (Terror of the Stage) Lance.

Fear and mistrust was in every heart as the Seniors took the stage, but they came through with a good skit and a respectable one. The setting was a school room over which J. T. Wiggs presided; Ed (Yea, I said that and what you gonna do about it) Nelson was outstanding as the class brain.

The Juniors presented a trial scene that was more of a trial to the audience than to the defendant, Creighton. Houston (I'm smoking 'em; you get 'em) Horn sparked the show with his quaint humor while "Two Gun" Erwin got mixed up with last year's skit and played the wrong part. After this play it was necessary for Mr. Sager to announce that the views expressed therein were not necessarily those of the faculty.

The Freshmen turned in an excellent version of *Bluebeard*. Playing the part of Sister Ann was Gilbert Templeton, and she did a wonderful job. Not only was the skit enjoyable but it taught a useful lesson: *Babo will not remove blood stains*.

The Shooting of Dan McGrew was presented by the Sophomores with Jack Todd taking the part of "a miner fresh from the creeks dog dirty and loaded for bear." The part of "the lady that's known as Lou—" was played by Ken Hardcastle and although he did a good job, Todd still thinks he would have preferred Miss Mac, the Sophomore sponsor. By the way, Coach says he has never seen anyone look more drunk than Charlie Hawkins. Say now, does he mean in the play?

The "Oscar" for the outstanding actress was given to Templeton and the Juniors won the half-holiday.

Class News

Grade School News

Where is Ellen?
I wonder if Bobby Harrison likes to study on the steps in the hall during class or if it is for other reasons. (Editor: please don't ask how I knew he was there.)

Complex sentences proved too complicated for us. You guessed it. Now we're simple minded. Two first formers are out for varsity football. Who knows? Probably next year's stars.

Who has change for a dime? Yo Yo Country is having trouble in keeping his yo yo from wrapping around his neck.

After two weeks of hard work Dickie (Proxie) Moran finally memorized his part for stunt night. Ray Scott looked simply divine in his new evening dress.

Freshman News

First of all we would like to give our congratulations to the boys who took part in the Freshman skit and to our very capable sponsor, Mrs. Sims. Mrs. Sims did a fine job

and we are proud of her. In know everyone had the time of their lives over the Easter Holidays reading *Ivanhoe* and finishing their "Lady of the Lake" notebook, and, of course, getting their Latin project. Noticed that John Hollins, Dillard Adams, and Charles McDaniels were inside all the time just studying their heads off.

The Junior Varsity next year sure will miss standouts like Pete Austin, Jimmy Ray, Ben Moore, and Bob Graham, but best of luck to you on the varsity, boys.

David Seely is getting so good in his Algebra that Mr. Sager is beginning to learn new things from him every class.

Bob Wilk and William Gunther are beginning to astound the school with their continuous point-making in gym basketball games.

Did anyone see that terrific fight in back of the gym between Togy Jones and Jimmy Ray? It wasn't too easy for him, but as everyone expected, Togy was soon the victor.

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HONOR

Honor may be defined as true nobleness of character, coupled with conduct in accordance with what is right and true. Honor itself is an abstract quality of the mind. It is an aspect of character, and under it fall many qualities of men—such as honesty, verity, courage, responsibility, high-mindedness, faithfulness, virtue, dependability, fairness and kindness.

Honor, as I have stated before, is, in itself, abstract and is manifested only in actions. Therefore, one might say that it is nonexistent except as a type of conduct. However, this is not wholly true, since the actions themselves would not necessarily be consistent without a ruling force.

Honor is present, to some extent, in all men. It may be repressed or expanded, but its true essence never changes. Although weak men may change, honor and honorable conduct never waver.

Honorable conduct is not affiliated with a mere desire for personal betterment. A man could conduct himself perfectly all his life in pursuit of some worldly prize and be entirely without honor. Just so, a rhinestone is as beautiful as a diamond but it has no real value. Appearances do not change substance. If put to the acid test that rhinestone would behave differently than the diamond. And so it is with life. An actor can approach perfection of character on the stage, but in real life he may be worthless.

Without honor, man is a mere shell. He is a walking skeleton, drifting aimlessly about the face of the earth, accomplishing nothing. Man has built up an immense civilization on the earth by the use of his superior mental faculties. This higher intellect has enabled him to rise above the realm of the lesser animals and to achieve control over his environment. But God gave man more than a larger brain. He gave him a soul and an insight into the eternal truths. The instinct of lower animals is replaced almost entirely in man by this intelligence and soul. It might be well to explain this point. These two were both necessary, one to balance the other. There is however, a belief that man's intellect is increasing whereas his soul and his honor are diminishing. If honor dies, man will inevitably destroy himself. If sight of that dim star of final truth is lost, man will begin to sink into the quicksand of his own designs. "When faith is lost, when honor dies, the man is dead."

An honorable man will try to atone for a wrong, not because he feels that it is expected of him, but because that is the just thing to do. He is honest in his dealings, not because he is afraid of being caught and punished, but because honesty is imbedded deep within his soul. Thus the man, his honor, and his actions merge into a whole. They exist, not as parts, but as one. When faced with a difficult decision, a man of honor does what is right and just instinctively. Having decided which is the honorable course, he follows it with no qualms or misgivings.

Many stirring examples of honor are to be found in war. Sometimes it was necessary to sacrifice a few men that many might live. At column of troops was retreating from a superior force. The commanding officer asked for volunteers to stay behind with machine guns and hold off the pursuing forces. Men who knew they would never survive responded. They knew that there would be no glory in the job, but they sacrificed themselves that the rest might live. That is honor.

Honor is everywhere about us. A gentleman's agreement can be more binding than any number of contracts, for an honorable man never goes back on his word.

Sir Walter Scott owned part interest in a publishing house that went bankrupt. He assumed the debt for which he was not legally responsible and destroyed his health paying off the creditors. He did more than could be expected of ordinary men because his high sense of honor made him feel responsible. There is another example of a bank president. After the bank failed in the crash he worked the rest of his life paying off off the people who had lost their savings. Honor really shows when a man goes beyond the line of duty.

—Thomas Kennedy



Class News

(Continued from Page 1.)

Unusual happenings around school:

1. Everyone in sixth period Latin Class has their homework.
2. Jimmy Cherry comes to Science Class with lab notebook up to date.
3. Joel Fort makes 100 in Algebra test.
4. Ben Moore held scoreless in basketball game.
5. Freshmen get no demerits.

Sophomore News

Spring football reared its ugly head (Which it does every year) and the strapping examples of manhood are Bruiser Bill Estes and Jolting John Adams. They say it's rugged but "Ya gotta be a football hero to get along with the beautiful girls."

The skit (?) presented on stunt night by sophomore class would have been a complete loss if it hadn't been for the services of a certain girl (who prefers his name kept secret as there are certain radicals after his life) who kept the motor running in the get-away car. Three poor miners, namely Oman, Lytton, and Coole were slowly being drained by a wicked-looking cardsharp, namely Charlie Hawkins, and included was bartender Dixon, who also held all bets and some red-nosed character named Kent Carney. These boys were the perfect type for this, this, skit.

Law (Goodlookin') Wood and the D.A.'s son, Joe, have one thing in common, but we don't want to put Mary Charlotte Moore's name in our (ugh) column.

Inspired by Julius Caesar (strictly a grade c story by some nut) are Billy Bryan and several others who are conspiring to rid the world of Brent, Teas, and King (will one of you boys will ye old editor your yo-yo). See Bryan about joining this conspiracy.

While La Rue has gone South for the winter he will be back this spring.

The man of distinction has laid away his Lord Calvert and tails and has donned a yo-yo and watch chain (someone please invent device for taking bus token out of watch pocket. Ken Hardcastle suggests a magnet yo-yo. (Can you top this?)

The hounds of the Head are hot on Nelson's tail.

The Ides of March brought will-armed troop upon Sims Latin room. Inman Fox represents the plebeians and is raising an army to attack McDaniels, leader of the aristocrats.

Contributions to this column would be deeply appreciated and names withheld on request.

As a final blow some one tell me how a man can turn green with Envy, purple with rage, keep his feet on the ground, his chin up, nose to the grindstone and shoulder to the wheel at the same time. I still would like for some one to give me a yo-yo; why not take up a collection? We leave you babbling like M. B. A. students.

Sincerely yours,
THE PROFESSOR
AND THE DOCTOR

Junior News

Well, March 15 has passed and I was surprised to see so many students back at school after such high income taxes. Of course my father paid his tax with a smile, but it seems they just wanted money. They were nice about it, though, but I think they were a little muddled. It seems they had my father confused with a salmon because they kept talking about sending him up the river.

Some of the juniors have heard from their vocational guidance tests and I understand several of the more contemplating such drastic measures as studying. I don't know what Billy Price's test said but he seems to be the biggest threat to Hugh, and Ward Lovell has found out that just as sure as Margaret Truman is going to sing at the Republican convention that he is going to be a great scientist.

I have received word from John (Continued on Page 4, Col. 3.)

"Hoots From the Owl's Nest"

Congratulations to the Fellow who wrote the last editorial. We've needed someone to wake us up on this subject. Any seniors (They were here when the System was installed) will be glad to discuss it with any of the new boys who for some reason may not fully understand how the Honor Council is set up. Everyone must cooperate!

Houston Horn really decided to give all he had, even if that cigar did make him a little green around the gills.

Saw Charlie, the "Walking Man" Hawkins getting quite an ovation at one of the current soirees. Don't let 'em kid you; they are just jealous.

Songs of the month: "What'll I Do" and "Manzana."

Some say Billy Vaughn looked like Lena The Hyena in the Senior skit. Ain't like his sister... You'll have to hand it to the Junior School—they had some perfect casting (fro mPeter Moon on down.)

Was it John Alden Rodgers who put a nickel in the "Coke" machine and got back the tennis shoe he had lost some months before. Pot luck, these days.

Ed Nelson and Dorothy Ann Shutt make up a pint-size couple that really clicks. Bobby Van Arsdale and Betty Johns are another spot-light couple to watch.

With the warm weather Thomas Kennedy decided to take his car (?) out of hiding. Only to find that the radiator can't be stopped from blowing its top when the sun's in sight. Bomar, "Gold-Brick" Ambrose, and Wiley are beginning to get tired of having to push the &\$%*!! thing every day. No, it doesn't beat walking by much—Wallace and Womack tried to sell a man the Viaduct. Unsuccessful, though; man said his name was "Broad" Street and he already owned the darn thing (hic).

What Senior Privileges? "Four score and seven years ago..." some are mumbling. Yes, it's about time for Madame Campbell to come forth with her annual oratory contest. Hoorary, and pass the cotton—I'm next to stuff my ears with it.

Why do term papers always come in the middle of a Spring Fever epidemic? Joe Erwin is writing on the bad conditions in U. S. asylums. First-hand stuff, ya' know.

That's all for now—But remember not to let the Honor System lag.

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 2.) were sadly weak, and we perceived that freshmen do not notice many of the things that are so pleasing to seniors. The nose of the subject's head seemed to be normal in that it could detect culinary aromas, but was not sharp enough to distinguish between "A Night in Paris" and "Scandal Eyes."

I have set down carefully the results of our experiments and the theories derived therefrom. Dr. Hackman and I discussed at length the wisdom of ever showing our discoveries to the world, for as he said, "Think of the poor teachers. If they know what they have to deal with in the freshman class, they will give it up as a hopeless job!" Nevertheless our theories and results are put down because nothing should hinder the progress of science or the formulating of an English theme.—RIDLEY DERRYBERRY.

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"MAROON HIGHLIGHTS"

By RASCOE DAVIS

Despite the fact that John Jay Hooker has been declared ineligible for play, M. B. A. will have this year one of the strongest tennis teams ever assembled in Tennessee. At the present time Gordon Long is ranked one; Harry Corson, two; Andy Spickard, Fontaine McDaniel, Inman Fox, and Jake Wallace, three, four, five, and six respectively. The real test of the Maroon netter's strength in the South will come April 26, when M. B. A. meets Darlington's Steve Potts, Darlington's top-ranked player will provide the toughest competition that Long has yet faced.

Friday, April 9 M. B. A.'s baseball team will meet Duncan in its first game this year. Bob Veatch will pitch for the Maroons and Jimmy Morris will catch. Although the other six have not been chosen as yet, a tentative line-up would include Bill Wade, Jimmy Morrissey, Bob Ezell, Bobby Chickey, Bobby Worrall and Billy Joe Ehrhart. Backing up this nine would be such capable performers as Buzz Davis, Don Wade, Charley Hawkins, Jimmy Ray, John Roberts, Jack Leech, and Franklin Jarman.

TENNIS RACKET (noise, that is) Inman Fox grabbed the number five position by defeating Jake Wallace 10-8 in the third set—close to say the least. . . . Gordon Long defeated Harry Corson to gain the top spot on the team. It was the first time that Harry has lost this position in two years. . . . T. R. Gordon won in straight sets 6-1, 7-5—don't from the score this would appear to be a permanent change. . . . The Maroons downed Elgin Academy 6-0 in their first match of the season. Elgin Academy may prove troublesome in 1950. They have an up and coming young player who holds the top position. Incidentally, he's a cousin of Richard Shillinglaw, one of the top tennis players in Nashville. . . . Is it true that "Fess" Younger and Bobby Worrall are entering the spring tennis tournament? (Thanks to H. H. for the title.)

M.B.A.'s Junior Varsity Wins Tourney; Coble, Gates Sparkle

As some consolation for the defeat in the Eighth District tournament the Junior-Varsity fought its way through three tough games to annex the Junior Varsity tournament held annually at Montgomery Bell Academy. The Maroons played basketball of the caliber displayed by the J. V.'s of two years ago, when they likewise beat out DuPont in the finals. This year those same two teams won out in their respective districts.

In the first game M. B. A. took on a Ryan team, which had beat them twice before, registering a 35-27 triumph. The game started slowly, and the score was deadlocked 4-4 at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter however, Storton Oman got hot to connect for three baskets as the Maroons moved into a 13-11 lead. It was in the third quarter that the Red team really showed their superiority as they held the cold Irish to four points while countering twelve themselves. Coble and Oman lead the onslaught tallying four rapiece while Ray and Bryan each connected for one bucket. In the fourth quarter the Irish spree was all but matched by the steady Red five as Billy Coble tallied five. Final score, M. B. A. 35; Ryan 27.

In the second tussle The Maroons were matched with Murfreesboro and outclassed them for the last three quarters to win out 38-25. In the first quarter it was Billy Coble and Billy Bryan who kept the Red Crew in the game though they trailed at the end 8-6. In the second quarter the Murfreesboro quintet cooled off letting the Maroons move ahead 16-11 on the steady

Spring Brings Football, Baseball, Tennis, Golf, to MBA

Maroons To Be Top Contenders In 1948 Interscholastic Baseball

The great American sport of baseball is due for its annual appearance at M.B.A. and the '48 Maroons nine promises to be one of the strongest of recent years. With only four men gone from last year's squad, this year's version should provide plenty of pitching strength plus some real punch at the plate. The infield appears set along the lines with Jimmy Morrissey on first and Bob Ezell handling the hot corner. Down the middle, however, is wide open and it will be up to Coach to pick a suitable key-stone combination from among Leech, Miller, Davis and Worrall. In the outfield Billy Ehrhart is back after a year's ineligibility to reclaim the left field post, Bob Chickey is in center and right field is open to anyone who can play the sun.

Despite the transfer of Jimmy Patterson to West, the mound crew looks stronger than ever with the return of Bill Wade to his '46 form and Charlie Hawkins much improved after a year of varsity experience. Also helping with the hill chores will be a newcomer, Bob Veatch, who has a sharp curve and a tricky knuckler. Veatch proved quite a sensation this winter on the basketball court and should make a similar impression on the baseball diamond. In the catching department John Roberts returns to pair with Jimmy Morris to give the club two capable receivers.

To prevent some of the questionable scheduling of former years, the Interscholastic League for 1948 has been divided into Eastern and Western Divisions of ten teams each in which each team must play the other nine at least once. Along with M. B. A. in the Western Division are Duncan, Bellevue, Cohn, Hillsboro, West, Peabody, Ryan, North and Lipscomb. The season opener is slated for April 9th and the complete schedule at present for the Maroons includes:

April 9—Duncan
April 13—Bellevue
April 16—Cohn
April 23—Hillsboro
April 30—West
May 4—Peabody
May 7—Ryan
May 14—North
May 21—Lipscomb

play of Bryan and Ray. In the third quarter Captain Gates took things in his hands to tally seven while Coble playing center in the place of lanky Oman came through for five. In the last quarter Murfreesboro scored three more points than the Reds but just didn't have enough as M. B. A. won out 35-25.

In the final tilt with the classy Bulldogs from Du Pont High School the Maroons by virtue of first and third quarter spears barely won out 35-25. It was clearly a case of "Fustest with the mostest" as the Maroons quickly moved out in front 13-2. Captain Gates, star of the tilt, came through with nine points in the first quarter to give the Reds such an edge. In the second quarter the tables were turned when the Du Pont gang moved within five points of M. B. A. In the third quarter M. B. A. gained back five of the valuable points as Ray and Gates each tallied four while Bryan dropped in a field goal and Coble a free toss. In the fourth quarter it was all DuPont as they tallied eleven points to the Maroons four, but still fell short by three points losing 36-33. Clearly one of the main reasons for the Maroon triumph was their ability to connect on free throws. They hit eight for fourteen while the DuPont squad could only connect for one in eight.

M. B. A.'s sparkling play throughout the tournament well merited the capture of the crown. They played steady basketball all the way even in the absence of their center Storton Oman in the last two games. This poster may well constitute another section power just as the J. V.'s of two years ago.

Maroon 1948 Football Team Should Be One of Best In Nashville

The season is spring, but the sport is football. Coach Allen, looking forward to another tough schedule, started spring football here at the Academy before the state basketball tournament at Knoxville had begun. Practice started Monday, March 8. Since many of last year's team are returning, along with several very capable substitutes, the outlook for next fall appears very bright, although one question looms large: who will fill the shoes left empty by Bill Wade? Whoever takes over will have a difficult job, for sports fans will naturally expect a lot from him.

In the line, both ends, Bobby Emar and Charley Hawkins, will return. At tackles, Bob Brown will be lost by graduation, but hefty John Roberts will be back, barring further injuries to his shoulder.

David Adams, another large, reliable performer who took over Roberts' duties when big tackle's shoulder was injured, will also return. Center Jack Fore switched to Hillsboro, leaving this difficult but important spot wide open. Many of the boys who played on the "B" team for "Fess Hackman last fall are out for spring practice, and quite a few boys who did not play interscholastic football last year and will be seniors next year are contending for the vacant spots left by the graduating class.

Jack Leech, a big, reliable sub from last year is back as are Billy Price, Vernon Sharp, Joe White and Dickey Miller, who played in the backfield last year, but may move to the line. Billy Coble, Robert McNelly, Francis Horn, and Charles Graham give the sophomores their share of prospective linemen, while Charley Thompson is the sole outstanding representative from the freshman class. Some of the juniors out for the first time this year are Moore Milam, Jimmy Napier, and Huston Horn.

Now for a look at the backfield. Of course, as has been mentioned before, the big problem will be the filling of Bill Wade's shoes. This selection will not be an easy one to make. Many seem to think that Charles Blackard will step in. But a factor to be considered is that Coach is churning from the single wing and short punt formations to the split T. In the first few days this spring, Blackard was running at quarterback in this new formation, which spot Wade filled in the Little game last year on the few T plays that were used. But of course all this must remain speculation until next fall. Besides Blackard, the main backfield candidates seem to be Wilbur Creighton and Bobby Worrall, who are almost assured of starting positions, and, if he returns, Billy Joe Ehrhart. Incidentally, Worrall will probably have to play with a special mask because of sustained nose injuries. Let's hope that this will in no way hamper his ability. Glancing at other possible backfielders, we see John Engle, George's speedy brother; Billy Bryan, who will probably not start this year, but will be a strong candidate next year; Jimmy Ray, another boy from "Fess Hackman's" team in the same class with Bryan; and Don Wade, who couldn't play last year because of an arm injury, and who is going to surprise a lot of people this year. Many people, although not discounting M. B. A. entirely, are not counting on a strong Maroon team this year, mainly because of the loss of Bill Wade. Of course this loss will hinder the team, but a fact to be borne in mind is that Coach Allen has always been strong in the backfield. We hope very sincerely that a lot of Maroon rosters will be pleasantly surprised at the strength of the Big Red's backfield despite the loss of three of the four men of last year's team.

Tennis Team Opens Year With 6-0 Trouncing Of Elgin Academy

Can Fess Rule's tennis team capture their fourth straight city championship this spring? That's the question on everybody's lips. There's one thing certain, it's going to take a top notch outfit to knock the MBA team out of the title.

Returning from last year's team will be Harry Corson, City Singles Champion Jake Wallace, Fontaine McDaniel, Andy Spickard, and Inman Fox. The Maroon netters lost Kermit Stengel and Bill Calton via graduation. Gordon Long will be eligible for league play.

MBA opened its season Saturday, March 27, against Elgin Academy on the Maroon courts. Coach Rule's club won a decisive 6-0 victory over the visitors from Illinois. They will be in the following order: J. J. Hooker, Corson, Long, and Spickard, with their single matches while McDaniel, Fox, Wallace and Davis won in the doubles events.

The Maroon netmen will be out to even the score when they meet Darlington April 26. Darlington was the only team to whip MBA last year, and there's not a member on the team who doesn't remember hard-stroking Steve Potts. Many improvements are being made on the five courts to ready them for a busy season. Despite inclement weather, work has been moving along rapidly. New nets are being put up, new tape lines have been laid, and the courts are now in fine shape for play.

The City Tennis Tournament will be held again at MBA this year. In the past years there has been growing interest in the tournament and the tourney this spring promises to be just as interesting to the observers as well as to the participants.

The following is MBA's non-league tennis schedule:
March 27 Elgin (here)
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April 14, Lipscomb (here)
April 16, McCallie (here)
April 17, Baylor (here)
April 19, Cohn (here)
April 23, McCallie (there)
April 24, Baylor (there)
April 26, Darlington (here)
April 30, C.M.A. (here)
May 3, Cohn (here)
May 5, Lipscomb (here)

BEWARE

Into those bloodstained walls I crept,
Strengthened by torture and pain;
Ready for what'er was my fate,
I faced the head again.

A guard had spotted me that day,
Wheeling my yo-yo in a tomb.
He made me stand there trembling,
Waiting to face my doom.

With a cat of nine tails the torture did start,
As I begged with a shriek and a moan.
But to no avail; and when all was done,
I sat in my cell and pondered alone.

I write these lines to innocent men,
To beg don't be a fool,
By trying to outsmart the head's wild gang,
And wheel your yo-yo in school
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Maroon Golf Combine Lacks Experience; But May Pull Upsets

Although M.B.A. has not had an exceptional golf team for the past two years, they have always managed to finish near the top. This year, after losing three of its four starters, the team is eagerly watched by the golf enthusiasts here at the Academy.

Until a few years ago, golf was a sport that was overlooked to a large extent at M.B.A. Since Mr. Sager has been here, however, interest has picked up considerably, and the team has managed to finish with a 5.00 average. They lost most of their matches on the back nines, after playing very good golf on the front nines. From last year's team, we have this year John Ambrose and David Wiley, who played some golf for the Maroons last year.

As spring approaches, the various golf courses around the city come out of hibernation and so do the golfers. Many boys are beginning to bring their clubs to school in order that they might have time to play a round after school. Recently all those boys who wanted to play golf for the Academy this year were asked to assemble at Belle Meade Country Club for a group picture. The following boys were present and will represent the school this year in the order named: John Ambrose, Billy Howard, David Wiley and Buford Dickerson.

The boys who were out for the picture the other day included, besides the above four: Lem Stevens, young but promising; Walter Noel, Lem's perpetual golf partner about whom we know little; Bunny Werthan, who seems to be a pretty good linksman from the little we know about him.

We all wish you boys of the golf team the best of luck during the coming season.

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Personality of the Month



Bill Bailey

This month the Personality is Bill Bailey. Bill has attended M. B. A. for six years, leaving a bright trail of achievements. Not only has Bill been a leading football player but he has also been on the honor council.

In his two years in the Junior School, Bill had a fine scholastic record as well as a swell athletic record. In his first year of high school, when the honor system was instituted, the boys showed their respect for him by placing him as their representative on the honor council. Since that time he has served twice in that capacity. His football exploits are notable to say the least. Bill, a two-year letter man, has been an important cog in two near-championship elevens.

Bill's academic work has not won him any medals, but Bill is consistently pressing eighty-five or ninety. Bill's favorite subject is English, in which he is an outstanding student. His hardest subject is French; his favorite food roast beef; his favorite comic strip—Li'l Abner.

Because of his high sense of honor, his athletic prowess, and his academic work, Bill Bailey is our personality for this month.



Jean: "Look, how long is this car going to keep stalling like this?"
Horn: "Just as long as you do, Baby."

Nelson: "That's funny!"
Corson: "What?"
Ed: "Oh, I was just thinking."
Harry: "Ha! Ha! That is funny."

Milam: "I suppose you dance."
Joyce: "I love to."
Milam: "Great! That's better than dancing."

"I've been elected," the successful candidate excitedly telephoned his wife.
"Honestly?" replied the wife.
"Now, why go into that?"

A long skirt is like prohibition—the joints are still there, but they're harder to find.

Can anyone remember 'way back when an automobile parked and people got out?

Junior News

(Continued from Page 2, Col. 4.) A good many more Juniors have been seen rambling on the rubico than was first expected. Everyone was quite surprised at seeing the smashing blows being dealt by Bronson Ingram, Jack Burch, Andy Spickard, John Hooker, Roscoe Davis and Maeston Crump. The first day Bobby Von Arsdell was supposed to play he said he couldn't because he had to take his racket to a psychiatrist. When he was questioned about this he modestly replied that his racket was high-strung.

Congratulations are also in order to Juniors who are doing such a fine job on the baseball team. Among the big, bunglesome, bad, boys batting the ball beyond the bases and bounding boastfully back home to the bat boy are: Bobby Werrel and Chickey, Buzzy Davis, Don West, Jimmy Morrissey and John Roberts.

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Roberts that he is going to offer a reward to the person who destroys his dreaded enemy, Bob Parish. The reward includes: two weeks at Grand Canyon, the Ritz Plaza, and a lock of Mr. Sager's hair.

When people read this they will probably think I have been reading *Oliver Twist* because I'm so full of the Dickens.

Yours 'till the monsoon season,
POISON PEN

Senior News

I Hope everyone saw the M. B. A. stunt night. It was really a big success. Everything went off as was expected and the Juniors had the best skit. With a little more work I think the Senior skit could have been a lot better but some of the seniors had more important things to do in the afternoons than to practice for the skit.

Spring is really just around the corner. Coach has started his spring football practice and Fess Rule has been out trying to get his tennis courts in shape. Even some of the boys have started playing golf, although the game isn't encouraged much by the golf coach. However the golf team has been quite an honor in the past years and I am sure that there will be a constant struggle for the top five boys in school. One sure way of telling that spring is almost here is to see all the broken windows around the campus. Some people just never realize that they aren't supposed to play ball around the campus.

Woods Foster has started a skeet club out at his house which is something to watch. Seen last Saturday at the club were Ed Nelson,

Harry Corson, Al Williams, Billy Howard, Jake Wallace and Woods Foster. Al Williams was the best shooter out of the M. B. A. squad, hitting all but two pigeons. However Barbara Bainbridge, Bobby's sister, was the real skeet shooter for the afternoon. After a little practice she started hitting every pigeon and she ended up on the winning squad.

Edwin Paschall has a new car—an Oldsmobile convertible. He should really be able to have a lot of fun in it especially when he has dates with Nancy Fawn Wilkerson. What about that, Edwin?

Walter Noel is still struggling to get all the ads in the annual filled out. It seems that everybody is expecting a depression and aren't willing to renew their ads or subscribe for new ones. Why don't some of you red blooded Seniors offer to help Walter sell the remaining ads? Walter has a desire to be on the golf team but he needs a lot of practice and he hasn't had any time lately. And besides, there are big rewards just waiting for you. Come on, boys!

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